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SUBJ: TENTH INTERNATIONAL FAIR OF THE PACIFIC (NOVEMBER  
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1. AS FAR AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, NO EXHIBITORS IN USA PAVILION AT TENTH INTERNATIONAL FAIR OF THE PACIFIC (FIP) EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING IMPORT PERMITS FROM MULTISECTORAL COMMISSION FOLLOWING CLOSING OF SUBJECT EVENT. THIS WAS NOT CASE WITH MANY OTHER COUNTRIES (I.E. ITALY, SPAIN, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, ETC.) WHICH WERE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION FOR MANY PRODUCTS WHICH WERE DETERMINED TO BE NONIMPORTABLE. DUE TO ACCUTE SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN CURRENCY MOST EXHIBITORS IN USA PAVILION EXPERIENCED, AND SOME ARE STILL EXPERIENCING, DIFFICULTY IN OPENING LETTERS OF CREDIT AT COMMERCIAL BANKS. AS A RESULT, ROUGHLY 30 PERCENT OF US EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY EXHIBITED IS STILL AT FAIRGROUNDS. SITUATION OF ALMOST ALL OTHER FOREIGN PAVILIONS WORSE.

2. RECOGNIZING THAT INABILITY OF EXHIBITORS TO COMPLETE SALES IS DUE TO GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OVER WHICH THEY HAVE NO CONTROL, GOP HAS BEEN UNDERSTANDING. DEADLINES FOR PROCESSING OF IMPORT APPLICATIONS AND TIME FAIRGROUNDS ARE CONSIDERED IN-BOND ZONE HAVE BEEN EXTENDED AS REQUIRED. MOST RECENTLY, ON JUNE 10,  
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GOP EXTENDED TIME FAIRGROUNDS CONSIDERED IN-BOND ZONE UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 1978. SAME DECREE EXTENDS LIFE OF MULTISECTORAL COMMISSION TO OCTOBER 30 AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING FINANCING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29. MOREOVER, APPLICATIONS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED CAN BE RETRIEVED AND MODIFIED. FACED WITH EARLIER DEADLINE AND INABILITY OF END-USERS TO OPEN LETTERS OF CREDIT, MANY EXHIBITORS FILED IN THEIR OWN NAMES

WITH THE HOPE OF EVENTUAL RESALE. THIS CAN NOW BE CORRECTED.

3. EMBASSY IS PROVIDING 24-HOUR GUARD SERVICE AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO ROBBERIES AT USA EXHIBITION. AGAIN THIS IS NOT THE CASE AT OTHER PAVILIONS WHERE PILFERAGE IS CONSTANT PROBLEM. MOREOVER, NOTHING CAN BE REMOVED FROM USA PAVILION WITHOUT WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM COMATT.

4. SHOULD US MANUFACTURERS WITH EQUIPMENT STILL AT FAIRGROUNDS INQUIRE, DEPARTMENT CAN INFORM THEM THAT THERE IS NO DANGER THAT GOODS WILL BE CONFISCATED OR SOLD AT AUCTION. FURTHERMORE THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO POST BOND, PAY STORAGE CHARGES, OR MOOVR EQUIPMENT TO CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE IN CALLAO. EMBASSY IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES. SHLAUDEMAM

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